



Critter Chatter



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SHELTER EXPANSION NEARS COMPLETION

Over the past twelve months, the face of the Davis County Animal Shelter has taken on a "New Look". A complete



Shelter Technician, Gregory Horspool welcomes Commissioner Cragun to the new Adoption Kennels

renovation and expansion of the facility began in September of 2000, adding new administrative offices, a dispatch center, conference room, and a new adoption wing. While the new, more efficient office facilities are welcome and

comfortable, the most exciting part of the project is the "Addition of 38 New Adoption Kennels." These kennels are specially designed to hold only adoptive animals, and are located in a separate area of the shelter. The new adoption wing more than doubles the capacity of the shelter to hold "Adoptive Pets", as well as increases the stray animal holding capacity by fifty percent.



Davis County Animal Control Services Director, De Anne Hess, presents Commissioner Cragun with the completed new Adoption Facility at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, August 3, 2001

Finishing touches are being made to the landscaping, prior to an open house and "Ribbon Cutting" ceremony planned for late November.



Commissioner Cragun introduces the "First Official" resident to the New Adoption Kennels

A FOUR LEGGED, FLORIDIAN HITCHHIKER

On September 14, 2001, Mr. and Mrs.



Judy the Floridian Hitchhiker

Scott Jones loaded a United Van Lines moving truck, in anticipation of their move to Utah. As they prepared to leave Gainesville Florida, they discovered that their beloved family pet cat "Judy" was

missing. They immediately distributed flyers throughout their Florida neighborhood, offering a \$250.00 reward for the cat. Mr. Jones had to leave for Utah to begin working at his new job. Ms. Jones remained in Gainesville, looking for Judy. On September 20, Davis County Animal Control received a call from United Van Lines in North Salt Lake City. United reported that upon opening a moving truck, a cat jumped out, ran away

from them and hid behind some boxes. Rachael, an employee of United, was able to confine the cat. Davis County Animal Control Officer, Faye Jones, went to North Salt Lake and picked up the cat. At this time, Davis County was not aware of the cat missing in Florida. After considerable effort, Rachael was able to track down who had booked the moving van, and the booker contacted Ms. Jones. Ultimately, Davis County was able to verify that the cat picked up in North Salt Lake was "Judy....the missing Floridian! Judy had "hitched a ride" snuggled on the family couch in the back of the moving van. On September 26, 2001 Mr. and Mrs. Jones identified and retrieved their beloved cat. The family is back together, and had a very positive "welcome" to Utah.



Mr. & Mrs. Jones and their cat Judy.

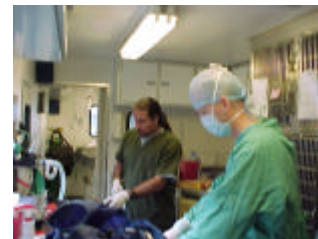
"NO MORE HOMELESS PETS"

On October 30, 31 and November 1, 2001, Davis County Animal Control joined hands with "No More Homeless



Pets" of Utah, and hosted a "Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic" at the Animal Shelter. Owners began lining up at 6:30 a.m. at the Shelter gate to take advantage the services provided by the program on a first come first served basis. During the three days, nearly 100 animals were spay or neutered, in the mobile clinic located in the parking lot of the Animal Shelter. In addition to the low cost spay and neuter services, pets also received vaccinations at a reduced cost.

Reducing "unwanted" litters is a primary goal of the Animal Control Program in Davis County.



All dogs and cats adopted from the shelter are required to be sterilized in

an effort to help reduce the pet overpopulation problem in Utah.

Because of the tremendous response to this three-day event, Davis County plans to host the clinic again in the near future. Watch our Web site for details.

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